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Get to Know the Collegeville Mayoral Candidates

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With Collegeville's mayoral election on November 2, now is the perfect time to meet the candidates: current mayor Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, and retired Collegeville police sergeant and Ursinus alumnus, Bruce Penuel '74.

Why did you decide to run for office?

WR: I initially chose to run for office in 2017 because I felt the need to be a role model for my oldest granddaughter whom I adopted and who lives with me and her "Mimi". At the time, she was depressed by the political landscape which seemed to



Image courtesy of Aidsand Wright Riggins

exclude and otherize so many people; from race, to gender, to religion to sexuality and even to politics. Division and dis-enfranchisement in our society ate at her young soul. I ran for office to demonstrate to her that we each need to be the change we hope to see in the world. I also ran because I wanted my grandchildren... to feel as positively about growing up in Collegeville as I did in [my hometown]. I ran to help make Collegeville feel like a great place to come home to.

BP: For this question, Penuel referred the Grizzly to a written bio, which said he "has chosen to run for mayor because he feels that he is the best qualified candidate for the position based on his education, training, and experience and his interest in the community."

How do you see the relationship between Ursinus and the [commu-

nity]? Is there any thing you would like to change?

WR: [the] Collegeville Borough benefits when we prioritize placing Ursinus College as central to the future of Collegeville. Ursinus is the College in the 'Ville! To me that means not only working with the college, businesses, and residents to help make Ursinus the college of choice for students, but also to help make Collegeville itself an attractive destination point for its students, their parents, and the college's faculty and staff. For the last four years I have worked hand in glove with the college's administration to do just that. We are actively working on Main Street and its vicinity to make it more college student friendly. I meet regularly with the administration and students toward these ends.

If re-elected I will work to fulfill a promise that I made

this past summer.

That promise is to work with our Council to appoint an Ursinus student as a Junior Council Member, so we have student input regularly at our borough meetings.

BP: I could write [pages] about my relationship with the Ursinus College Campus Safety Department. As a student and volunteer firefighter I was present when the campus had its first campus safety officer (who was a true gentleman). As the Campus Safety Department grew I found that the officers were members of our community who I knew and respected... former police officers and firefighters [I worked with]... They were not only professional colleagues but personal friends as well. How many of your friends can you say that you celebrated New Year's Eve together while working, [repairing] an electrical problem at



Image courtesy of Bruce Penuel

your house, and [working together] to apprehend a thief who stole college computers? The interaction with these officers has been beneficial to me as a police officer, a friend, and a member of the community.

What are your top three priorities?

WR: My mayoral mantra is to continue to work to keep Collegeville safe, vibrant, diverse, and sustainable. I know that is four rather than three priorities! Specifically, for Ursinus College, student safety is my number one priority. In Pennsylvania, the mayor is the person who provides oversight and accountability for the police department. An effective mayor is not a police officer but... Continued on page 2

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helps create a culture for their work and holds the police department accountable for maintaining that culture. I want students to feel as though they are protected and served by our police officers and that our policies and practices help create community. Over the next few years, we expect transition in the leadership and staffing of the Collegeville Police Department. As mayor, I want that evolving department to have a posi-

tive and constructive relationship with the college and its students. To me, it is critically important that we continue to promote community policing policies and practices along with civilian-led oversight of the police.

BP: Regarding my priorities upon becoming mayor... The police department is about to undergo some big changes in the next four years. The Chief of Police will retire as will two other officers. Considering my education, training, expe-

rience, and interest in the community I believe that I could help with the transition. I have always been available to the officers to answer questions and to provide the benefits of my experiences. I have always approached public safety as trying to prevent problems from occurring and then to solve problems when they do occur. The police department has always been focused on problem solving and helping the citizens as opposed

to unhinged enforcement. I see a need for someone to maintain the street signs and traffic signals by observing defects and reporting them to the persons who do the actual maintenance. Traffic rules can be properly enforced and traffic can move in an orderly fashion.

Is there anything else you would like to share with the Ursinus student body?

WR: One of the great honors for me was being awarded an honorary Doctor

of Divinity Degree from Ursinus College [in] 2019 for my community service and commitment to human rights. I am proud to be an Ursinus College Bear.

BP: Note that two of my brothers also attended Ursinus College: Steve Penuel Class of 1975 and Jeff Penuel Class of 1978.

Office Hours with President Jill Marsteller

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President Jill Marsteller started as the interim president of Ursinus College on September 1. Marsteller aims to create an Ursinus community where there is open and transparent communication between herself and the students. This has prompted her to start a program called "Office Hours with President Jill Marsteller." This will be held at var-

ious times in order to accommodate all students so everyone has an opportunity to participate.

Regularly scheduled office hours, Marsteller hopes, will allow her to create better relationships and connections with the students, faculty, and staff at Ursinus. She hopes that these increased connections will allow her to have her "finger on the pulse of the campus." Marsteller believes having more involvement on

campus will allow her to have a better feel of what is going on here. Though she understands that not all issues and concerns can be fixed by her alone, she wholeheartedly thinks you "cannot fix what you do not know." She emphasizes the importance of validating the feelings and opinions of students.

So far, she has met with the Resident Assistant of on-campus housing. They expressed to her that they hoped

for a more "active presence" from the president on campus. Marsteller hopes that providing options for office hours will help to achieve that. Her mindset with feedback is that it is "better to know, even if you cannot fix it."

The involvement of Marsteller on campus will likely create a better sense of community and improve campus morale. Every student who is interested should take advantage of this oppor-

tunity as it will allow them to share their concerns.

The link to sign up for the office hours has been sent in multiple emails from Missy Bryant, Dean of Students. If students want to meet with Marsteller outside of the current office hours or have any direct concerns, they can email her directly or the President's office.

New Trees Planted at the Food Forest

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A “Welcome to Your Food Forest” banner sat in front of the rows of trees and busy volunteers digging through mulch and clay. Just like anything else, trees need space to grow, and that meant digging wider holes than one would expect. The hard work of the volunteers and members of the Environmental Studies Capstone made possible a home for 92 new trees on Friday October 8th and Saturday October 9th on the campus Food Forest.

The project was

organized by the Chair of the Environmental Studies Department, Patrick Hurley, who also oversaw the original Food Forest planting in Fall 2019. “The idea was to develop a site for experiential and experimental learning around agroecology, or agriculture that is informed by ecological principles.” Imagining agricultural fields as really not so different from the ecosystems nearby can actually improve their food production and long-term sustainability.

Located at the corner of College Ave and 3rd Ave, the Food Forest and Dr. Denise Finney’s

soil-carbon sequestration research fields share an eleven acre, former agricultural land called the Whittaker Environmental Research Station (WERS). WERS was originally purchased from Northern Star Dairy Farm with donations from alumni Donald and Andrew Whittaker as well as Elizabeth Magrann.

Today, the Food Forest hosts an array of fruit- and nut-bearing trees standing between bright flowered plants with hints of mints. Monarch butterflies come for the milkweed; the future nurseries for their young. “This type of system is both new and old. It represents

a combining of species in ways not typical of modern farming systems,” Hurley commented. These methods have been practiced among different indigenous peoples for centuries across continents, including those who inhabited Southeastern Pennsylvania: the Lenape. The indigenous people in our region would eat a fruit planted in huge quantities during this phase -- the pawpaw -- around early fall. At the Food Forest, nearly 80 of the “mango-avocado” flavored fruit were settled in the ground. Hurley pointed out that out of these 80, 60 of the trees came from a hand-

ful of sources that have been artificially selected for consistency in flavor. This with the ideal goal of eventually students and the local community getting to enjoy these fruits every year around late August. These pawpaws are only phase one of two for the Food Forest, which concluded with a second round of planting. Another 160 trees are aimed for the next piece.

If interested in learning more about the forest or joining the volunteer outreach team, please contact foodforest@ursinus.edu.



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A Play Universally Acknowledged

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The Ursinus acting community is now able to perform and they most certainly will. With their upcoming first full, live performance since 2020, anticipation is rising all across campus. *Pride and Prejudice*, a comedic adaptation of Jane Austen's novel by Kate Hamill, premieres October 28, and is directed by Dr. Meghan Brodie.

Choosing a comedy for live theater's return was fully intentional. Dr. Brodie hopes it will "help alleviate the stress of daily pandemic life" and that "laughter can offer us a short respite from the sobering demands of negotiating the pandemic and [helps] build and/or strengthen communities." It was

just the right fit, and her favorite part of directing the show is "the students' enthusiastic endorsement," which influenced her choosing the play for this semester. In addition to bringing laughter to the community, she wanted to include as many roles as she could, instead of casting the traditional eight actors playing multiple roles the production calls for. She predicts each character will "capture the attention of audience members" in their own unique ways.

Ben Little '24, who plays Mr. Collins, said his favorite part of the process was getting "to try so many new things with your character," especially during blocking. Emily Bradigan '23, who plays Lizzy Bennet, explained that her

favorite is the ending because when acting "there are so many things I've been able to pick up through the script."

Others, such as freshmen Kiran Drew, who plays Mr. Darcy and Sadie Walker, who took on the role of Charlotte Lucas, express that they're just happy to be here with people in person again, a feeling we can all relate to. Mercede Vilaysaeng '25, assistant stage manager, agrees. She has enjoyed "being around everyone and seeing everyone act." Kate Foley '23 plays Mary Bennett and says she is excited to have a live performance again. Foley strongly believes "everyone is so hungry for live theater again." Having an audience is a significant part to any performance and the cameras last year never gave the same effect.

"Everyone is hungry for live theater again."

- Kate Foley
2021



Courtesy of Marie Sykes

Stage manager, Sarah Buck '22, said she's most excited to see everything "come to life" and for her "god mic" with which she'll use during each performance to make sure everything stays on track.

However, it isn't as easy as it may appear. As reported previously in the semester, the Kaleidoscope's mold and sinking issues added delays to the play's production. Besides having to push back set-design and move spaces, the actors were impacted in rehearsal. Without being able to have a space to perform, Ali Wolf '23 and Emily Bradigan '23 told us that they spent their first three weeks of rehearsal just doing table readings rather than rehearsing on a stage. Wolf mentioned it was "hard to connect with your

character when you're just sitting in a room" but once they received access to the Black Box, "the world became more real."

"Hard to connect with your character when you're sitting in a room"

- Ali Wolf
2021

Pride and Prejudice premieres Thursday, October 28 in the Black Box Theater. Tickets are each \$5 for students, faculty, and staff and \$8 for the general public. Seating is limited so buy your tickets online at **ursinus.edu/tickets**.



Courtesy of Marie Sykes

Fridge of the Week

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Check out Amelia Grudkowski's fridge from Brodbeck 303!



Want to be Write for the Grizzly?

Pitch meetings
are Wednesdays
at 7pm in Ritter
141!

Correction

An article in issue four incorrectly stated a rising sophomore got a single through the Fall 2020 general housing lottery when, in fact, they got a single through SPINT/Affinity Housing. Single rooms in the general lottery ran out during the seniors' round.

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Bagel with Cream
Cheese

Pringles

Soft Pretzel

Caramel Hot
Chocolate

Rice and Bean Bowl

Chicken Strip Bowl
with Mashed
Potatoes and Mac
and Cheese

Strawberry Banana
Smoothie

Buffalo
Mac and Cheese

Mac and Cheese

Chicken Noodle
Soup

Chicken Parmesean
Sub

Frozen Strawberry
Lemonade

Cheesesteak

Cookies and Creme
Flurricane

Cheese Panini

Mango Smoothie

Quesadilla

BBQ Chicken
Quesadilla

Buffalo Chicken
Quesadilla

Tuna Hoagie

BLT Hoagie

Cotton Candy
Mini Melts

Chocolate
Milkshake

Southwest Chipotle
Turkey Panini

Chicken Strip
Sandwich

Chicken Noodle
Soup

Salt and Vinegar
Chips

Italian Hoagie

Sausage Egg and
Cheese on a
Croissant

Breaded Chicken
Sandwich

Grilled Cheese

Chicken Salad
Hoagie

Buffalo Chicken
Nuggets

Ham and Honey
Mustard Pita

Chicken Bacon
Ranch Quesadilla

Veggie Hoagie

Iced Mint Matcha
Latte

Mint Chocolate
Oreo Milkshake

Mashed Potatoes
with Old Bay

Meatball Sub

Breakfast Burrito

Strawberry
Smoothie

Mountain Dew

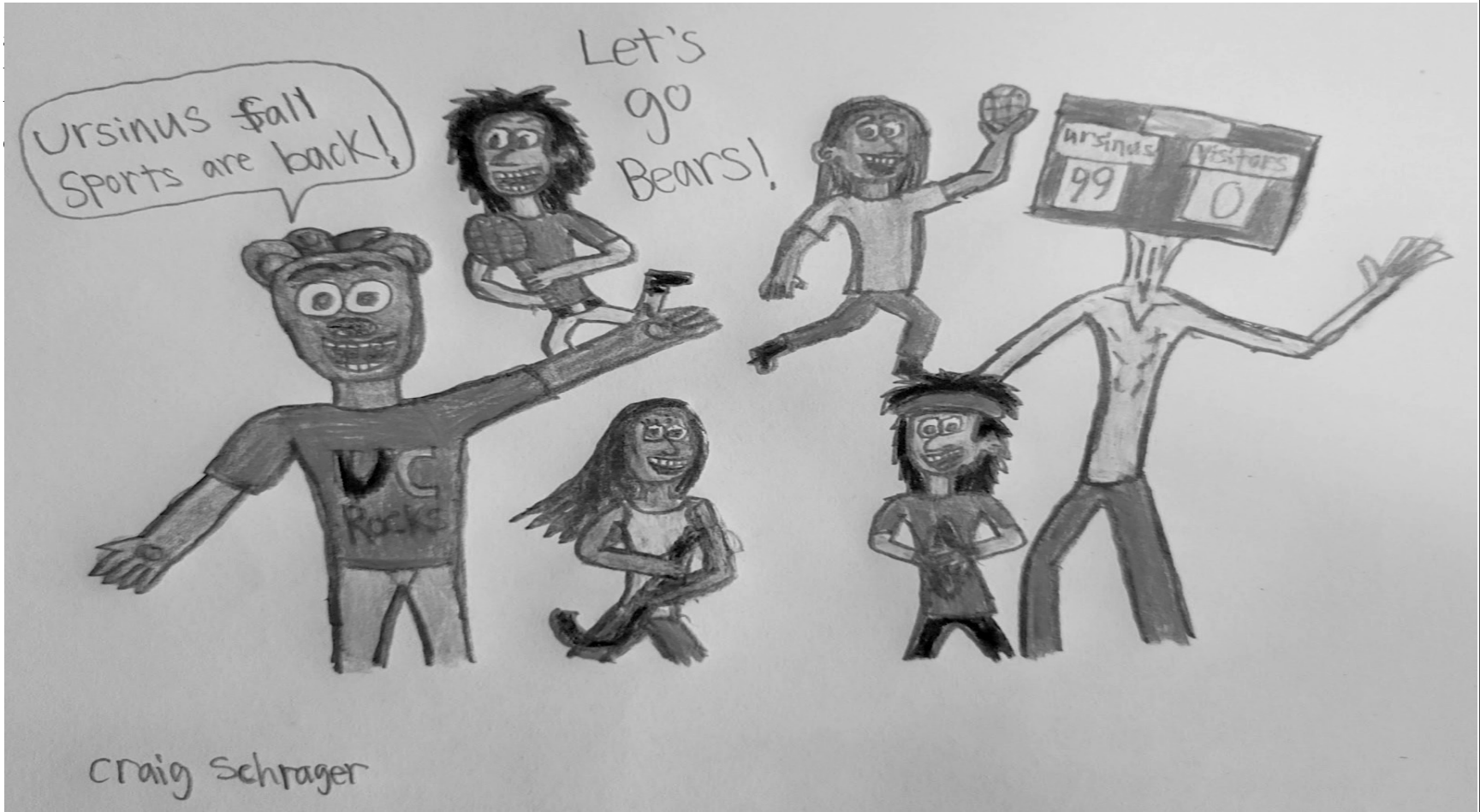
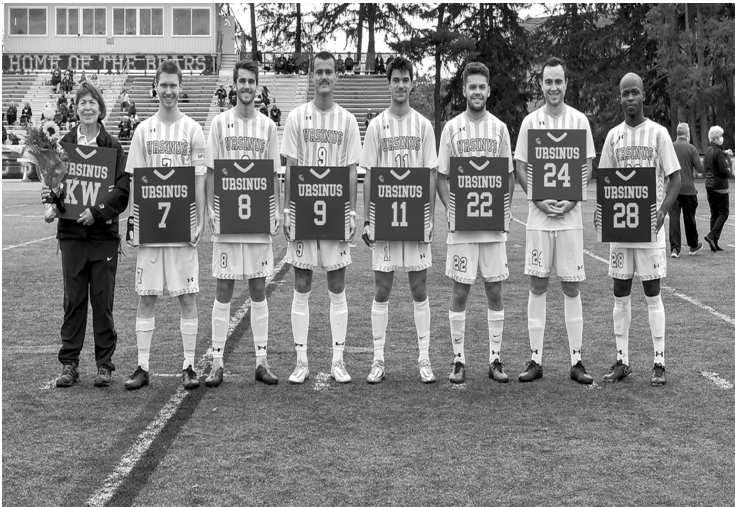
Chicken
Quesadilla

Buttered Roll

Iced Coffee



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Women's Rugby: Minuscule & Mighty

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After a majority of their leaders graduated in 2020, the Women's Rugby team has been focused on gathering enough players to compete this season. Unfortunately, they did not reach their goal of 15 players to play in a 15 v. 15 league, however they now have a total of eight players. This is enough to participate in a 7 v. 7 league. Although there have been some challenges in the recruiting process, team members are hopeful for their season.

Depending on the day, practices are broken into different categories. Mondays are focused on working on the skills and strategies of offense. Wednesdays are for defense, and Fridays are meant to work on putting all of those practices together. Returning player and team leader, Amanda Marley '23, further explained their

practices. "We spend a lot of time in practice explaining the rules, why we do certain things, and how to get better!" Also, she shares that it took almost a full year of playing for her to feel this table was used to make the campus more aware of the club and sport, like she completely understands the game. There is a team joke of, "if you are confused on the field, then you are definitely playing rugby." This year, team members knew they had to increase their recruiting efforts. They did their annual "dorm storm" where current members go around to freshman dorms and knock on as many doors as possible to fish for new players.

Additionally, the team had a table at the activities fair. Marley noted that they, "Also had a table at the activities fair that help[ed] spread the word out more, not only to potential players but



Courtesy of Julia Paiano

of the club and sport, and ultimately build excitement for their fall season!

"If you are confused on the field, then you are definitely playing rugby."
—Amanda Marley,
Class of 2023

Being in the 7 v. 7 league means that the team participates in mostly pick-up matches with other local teams. They typically play three matches which each lasting only fourteen minutes long. A sophomore on the team, Camille Mills, shared that they enjoy meeting the other teams. "It's really cool that we can

talk and laugh after we just tackled each other." Mills believes there is definitely a learning curve to the sport, but that they enjoy the learning process. Marley and Mills hope that anyone who is interested will give Rugby a chance. Most of the players are inexperienced and will be learning right alongside newbies. "Come to one practice and give it a shot! Plus, we are a pretty cool group to hang out with and get to know," Marley concluded.

Practices are every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4:30-6pm. The team meets at

Reimert Circle fifteen minutes before each practice. This season, they are hosting a match on the day of homecoming, October 30th at 11am! The entire campus is welcome to cheer them on! Not only is it a fun sport to play, but it is thrilling to watch and follow along.

Upcoming Games				
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Tuesday
			Homecoming Games: Football@ 1pm Field Hockey@ 12pm Swimming@ 1pm Cross Country Volleyball@ 12pm Men's Soccer@ 3pm Women's Soccer@ 12pm	